

Message Title: **Winter and Wilderness 5.0**

Key Scriptures & Points:

Amos 3:7 [God speaks to His church through prophets].

Hebrews 12:1-2 [It is Jesus that we are to fix our eyes on (as a church and individuals) not ministry or our own ambitions.]

Proverbs 3:5-6 [we are to trust in God and His plan for us (and the church) and not our own plans.]

Ephesians 4:11-13 [the five-fold ministries God gave the Church to build unity and spiritual maturity are the apostolic, prophetic, teaching, pastoral, and evangelistic gifts.]

1 Corinthians 12:28 [there is a divine, functional order to the five-fold ministries. This order is the process by which God speaks to and leads His Church through the gifts He has given His people.]

Romans 12:3-6 [no gift is more important than another. They are all due honour and necessary for the unity and edification of the Church.]

1 Corinthians 14:3-4 [The prophetic ministry encourages and strengthens the Church.]

Ephesians 2:20-22 [God is building His Church on the foundation of the apostolic and prophetic ministries, and Christ is the Cornerstone that sets and aligns the whole structure.]

Matthew 28:18-20 [our mission is disciple making not evangelism. Evangelism is the first crucial stage of disciple making.]

Matthew 7:21-23 [ministry is not our goal, intimate relationship with Christ is.]

Proverbs 25:2 [God has concealed truth for us to seek it out.]

Questions for Life Group Discussion:

1. How does God speak to you?
2. What are your goals in life? Would you describe them as God's will or yours?
3. How do you discern God's will?
4. What have you heard about God's plans for The Rock?
5. What will this plan mean for you?
6. What is the "journey" The Rock is on?
7. What was God's plan for Israel in the Wilderness? What work was He doing in them?
8. How might that relate to our situation now?
9. What should we do if we are struggling to understand what we are hearing around us in our church community?

Pray for each other...

- For humility and courage to surrender our plans to God and let Him direct our path.
- For ears to hear and discernment to confirm God's will and plans for your life.
- To fix our eyes on Jesus and seek Him above all.

For your meditation this week...

- 1 Corinthians 12